

**OPEN RECORDS ACT
(REGULATION)**

In accordance with the policy of the board of education to recognize and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of the district's public records, the following regulations shall apply:

Public access to district records shall be provided in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The district shall implement the following procedures to provide prompt and reasonable access to its records in a manner that protects the integrity and organization of its records and prevents excessive disruptions of its essential functions.

1. Records specifically exempted by law from public inspection and copying are also exempted from this policy, including but not limited to:
 - A. Records which relate to internal personnel investigations including examination and selection material for employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or resignation.
 - B. Records where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy such as employee evaluations, payroll deductions, employment applications submitted by persons not hired by the public body, and transcripts from institutions of higher education maintained in the personnel files of certified public employees (may disclose degree obtained and curriculum on the transcripts of certified public employees).
 - C. Records of what transpired during meetings of the district's board of education lawfully closed to the public, such as executive sessions authorized under the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The following information may be kept confidential:
 1. Investigative evidence of a plan or scheme to commit an act of terrorism;
 2. Assessments of the vulnerability of government facilities or public improvements to an act of terrorism and work papers directly related to preparing the assessment of vulnerability;
 3. Plans for deterrence or prevention of or protection from an act of terrorism;
 4. Plans for response or remediation after an act of terrorism;
 5. Information technology of a public body or public official but only if the information specifically identifies:
 - a. Design or functional schematics that demonstrate the relationship or connections between devices or systems;
 - b. System configuration information;
 - c. Security monitoring and response equipment placement and configuration;
 - d. Specific location or placement of systems, components, or devices;

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- e. System identification numbers, names, or connecting circuits;
 - f. Business continuity and disaster planning, or response plans; or
 - g. Investigation information directly related to security penetrations or denial of services; or
6. Investigation evidence of an act of terrorism that has already been committed.

The term "terrorism" means any act encompassed by the definitions set forth in Section 1268.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- D. The home address or social security number of any employee or former employee.
2. Requests for the inspection and copying of district records will be accommodated by district personnel designated to release district records for inspection and copying as soon as it is determined the requested records are not exempt from inspection and copying. Such determination may require the consideration of the superintendent and/or the district's attorney. Records shall only be available during the regular business hours of the district's administration building.
3. The superintendent shall charge a fee to recover the reasonable direct costs of research, reproduction and transmission of district records. The superintendent shall also charge a fee for the direct costs of searching for district records sought for solely commercial purposes or for searches which cause excessive disruption to the district's essential functions. Search fees shall not be charged for records sought in the public interest as determine by the superintendent, including, but not limited to releases to the local, county, state, or federal officials, scholars, authors, and school district taxpayers seeking to determine whether officials of the district are honestly, faithfully, and competently performing their duties as public servants. Fees for copies shall be paid in advance before the copies are made. A deposit may be required for search fees to begin. The fee schedule for searching for and copying of district records shall be as follows:
- B/W Copies: 8 1/2" x 11" - \$.1.00 per copy, Color=\$2.00
 - B/W 8 1/2" x 14" - \$2.00 per copy Color \$3.00
 - Fax: \$1.00 per page
 - Mailings: Cost of postage and container
 - Electronic media (email) – Research fees apply.
- Research-Discovery Fee on all records requests: \$25.00 per hour(minimum fee to cover staff time and effort)
- For Profit entity= hourly rate of requesting entity for their service (law firm, or investigative "for hire" entity. District staff use and time is as valuable as your is.)

Gore Public Schools is EOE and is dedicated to financial and operational transparency. Listed fees are to recover tax payer funds that may be used to facilitate any records requests.

The referenced fees shall be posted at the principal office of the school district and with the county clerk.

4. The following records shall be kept confidential by the district:
 - A. Individual student records;
 - B. Teacher lesson plans, tests, and other teaching material; and
 - C. Personal communications concerning individual students;
 - D. Personnel records which relate to internal personnel investigations including examination and selection material for employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or resignation; or
 - E. Personnel records whose disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy such as employee evaluations, payroll deductions, or employment applications submitted by persons not hired by the public body.
5. An employee of the district shall have a right of access to the employee's own personnel file.

To request district records, submit a written request on letterhead or indicate sender information to:
Gore Public Schools, Office of the Superintendent,
Open Recored Requist
1200 Norht Highway 10, Gore, OK. 74435.

The request must contain the name of the requesting person including any title if acting on behalf of an organization, organization name, address, contact information, and purpose of the request.

List in detail the specific records requested, format, and delivery choice.

The office of the superintendent will review your written request and return a written response to you via the postal or email address you provide.

Any applicable fees must be paid in full before research of the records requested can be performed.

Make checks payable to Gore Public School.

Many district transparency financial records can be found on our website at Gorepublicschools.net under the district tab.

In person inspection is by appointment during regular business hours. Time of staff required to locate and provide requested records may apply as board of education meeting records are accessible on the district web site: gorepublicschools.org.

All copy fees apply and only school employees may use district resources and access non public areas where records may be stored.

**REFERENCE: 51 O.S. §24A.5
51 O.S. §24A.27**

CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy BEC, Executive Sessions